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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/697,554	JOHNSON ET AL.
	Examiner Phong H. Nguyen	Art Unit 3724

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mr. Phong H. Nguyen. (3) _____.

(2) Mr. Jack Barufka. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 04 May 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: LaBounty et al. (6,926,217).

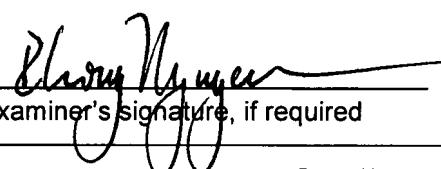
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the difference between the claimed shears and LaBounty's shears. In LaBounty's shears, both piercing tips are in a working position while in the Applicant's shears, one tip is in working position and the other tip is in a non-working position. The allowability of the case will be determined after the Examiner conducts further search and consultation with other Primary Examiners.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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